

*Further Observations of Comet Coddington (c 1898).* By  
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Having now brought my observations of this comet to a close, I herewith, in accordance with my promise, forward to you my second, and last, series of positions. The whole work of the two series embraces 102 nights, from 1898 June 15, to 1899 February 15, 768 comparisons, and 137 comparison stars. The observations made on June 22, 26, 29, July 3, 5, 6, 21, August 19, September 7, 10, 30, October 18, November 2, December 11, January 6, 16, 30, and February 14, 15, were more or less unsatisfactory. The comparisons of September 10 were especially so, for three reasons. The difference of north polar distance of the two objects was so great that they were with difficulty embraced within the square bar-micrometer; secondly, the comet was almost in contact with a 9th magnitude star, and therefore rendered faint; and, thirdly, the second reappearances of the comparison star, and the first disappearances of the comet at the edges of the micrometer bars, were almost simultaneous. On January 16 I could not find the comet as a separate object, but I noticed that a star of the 9th magnitude, close to its ephemeris-position, appeared slightly nebulous as it disappeared and reappeared at the edges of the bars. This star, which is identical with No. 247 of Zone  $-50^{\circ}$  of the *Cape Photographic Durchmusterung*, was therefore observed for the comet. The adopted mean places of the comparison stars are throughout the means, with equal weights, from the catalogues cited. An error, however, exists in the determination of the mean R.A. of Star No. 19 in my former communication. The seconds should be  $34^{\text{s}}.89$  instead of  $34^{\text{s}}.78$ , and the seconds of the apparent R.A. of the comet for July 5 will accordingly be  $20^{\text{s}}.02$ .

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Dates, 1898 and 1899.		Windsor Mean Time.		Comet—Star.		No. of Comps.		Comet's Apparent				Log. pΔ for		Comp. Star.			
		Δ R.A.		Δ N.P.D.				R.A.				N.P.D.		R.A.		N.P.D.	
		h m s		' ''				h m s				° ' ''					
		+ 5 37'25		+ 1 47'3		4		15 7 23'14				168 47 1'6		0'353		0'625	
Oct. 31		— 3 37'35		+ 4 22'9		2		15 20 25'63				169 42 14'1		0'391		0'616	
Nov. 2		+ 3 25'12		— 6 3'2		5		15 44 38'45				171 2 43'2		0'463		0'562	
5		— 1 34'70		+ 0 51'1		3		16 45 41'36				173 2 36'5		0'607		0'123	
10		— 9 27'57		— 7 3'7		3		18 3 46'52				174 10 32'0		0'684		0'102	
14		— 2 40'71		+ 6 5'8		5		23 23 37'80				169 35 55'7		0'146		00'728	
Dec. 1		+ 8 26'14		— 6 26'8		5		23 31 50'90				169 1 31'1		0'173		00'699	
2		— 0 37'16		— 3 13'0		8		0 8 43'30				165 25 29'5		9'979		00'700	
8		— 0 21'63		— 5 15'9		8		0 8 58'83				165 23 26'6		0'161		00'550	
8		+ 9 44'66		— 0 36'8		4		0 13 28'13				164 47 37'7		9'980		00'686	
9		+ 4 54'07		— 5 28'6		8		0 17 57'55				164 9 2'4		0'018		00'649	
10		+ 4 3'18		— 5 17'7		6		0 22 9'93				163 30 21'8		0'029		00'621	
11		— 1 48'30		+ 7 27'2		8		0 29 45'61				162 13 9'8		9'956		00'636	
13		+ 1 59'07		+ 4 17'6		6		1 12 10'18				151 37 5'5		9'791		00'460	
29		— 0 16'88		— 1 28'5		10		1 18 2'10				149 37 55'7		9'734		00'450	
Jan. 1		+ 3 48'07		+ 1 7'6		6		...				...		9'766		00'396	
2		+ 4 6'35		+ 8 17'1		6		...				...		9'766		00'396	
2		— 0 45'86		+ 10 4'5		6		...				...		9'734		00'408	
3		— 2 24'94		— 0 5'3		6		...				...		9'734		00'408	
3		— 6 50'07		+ 7 22'3		8		1 23 36'90				147 38 41'5		9'772		00'335	
4		— 0 26'38		— 9 28'9		10		1 27 6'91				146 19 58'1		9'759		00'297	
6		— 2 59'45		— 4 40'6		3		1 28 49'34				145 41 8'0		9'738		00'301	
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Dates, 1898 and 1899.		Windsor Mean Time.		Comet—Star.				No. of Comps.		Comet's Apparent			Log. $p\Delta$ for		Comp. Star.	
				$\Delta$ R.A.		$\Delta$ N.P.D.				R.A.		N.P.D.		R.A.		N.P.D.
		h m s		m s		' "		' "		h m s		° ' "				
Jan.	7	8 57	3	-7 10.55	+ 1 9.9	3	1 28	49.58	145 41	4.0	9.738	114				
	9	9 24	41	-6 23.79	+ 7 36.8	10	1 32	12.78	144 22	37.0	9.790	115				
	12	9 40	7	+3 10.49	+ 5 47.6	7	...	...	...	...	9.806	116				
	12	9 40	7	-6 16.09	+ 8 11.5	7	1 37	6.33	142 26	42.2	9.806	117				
	13	8 51	7	+8 9.21	+ 11 24.9	2	1 38	37.98	141 49	49.8	9.716	118				
	14	9 19	33	+0 26.08	+ 2 5.5	10	1 40	13.85	141 11	12.8	9.769	119				
	14	9 19	33	-1 55.50	- 8 14.7	10	1 40	13.92	141 11	11.8	9.769	120				
	15	9 31	19	+4 7.20	+ 0 9.6	7	1 41	47.70	140 33	13.2	9.786	121				
	15	9 31	19	-1 1.26	- 2 30.6	7	1 41	47.51	140 33	11.5	9.786	122				
	15	9 31	19	-5 12.76	- 9 19.3	7	1 41	47.86	140 33	13.1	9.786	123				
	16	9 27	35	+2 31.30	- 3 51.5	4	...	...	...	...	9.778	124				
	30	9 0	17	+1 47.31	- 3 7.6	6	...	...	...	...	9.724	125				
	Feb.	1	9 11	19	+7 8.66	- 6 32.0	7	2 6	4.71	130 29	23.5	9.738	126			
		1	9 11	19	+6 57.91	- 7 23.2	7	2 6	5.08	130 29	22.6	9.738	127			
		2	9 10	48	+5 22.86	- 5 10.3	8	2 7	25.59	129 56	11.8	9.737	128			
3		9 6	2	-6 31.68	- 3 12.7	6	2 8	45.89	129 23	25.5	9.731	129				
3		9 6	2	-7 48.41	- 6 27.6	6	2 8	45.56	129 23	23.8	9.731	130				
6		8 58	58	-7 11.84	- 0 38.8	6	2 12	44.54	127 46	48.8	9.722	131				
6		8 58	58	-7 32.63	- 2 24.7	6	2 12	44.90	127 46	46.2	9.722	132				
9		8 49	9	-4 6.46	- 7 51.1	7	2 16	40.05	126 12	40.9	9.711	133				
10		8 38	32	+1 42.14	+ 7 28.6	10	2 17	56.73	125 42	4.3	9.698	134				
13		9 33	38	-1 53.39	- 5 34.6	4	2 21	52.66	124 10	22.2	9.750	135				
14		8 36	26	-2 52.27	+ 8 5.3	8	2 23	6.32	123 41	38.8	9.698	136				
15		8 27	54	-3 31.78	+ 9 26.8	3	2 24	22.34	123 12	42.6	9.688	137				

*Mean Places of the Comparison Stars for the Beginning of the Year of Observation.*

Comp. Star.	Mean R.A.			Red. to App. R.A.	Mean N.P.D.			Red. to App. N.P.D.	Authorities.
	<sup>h</sup>	<sup>m</sup>	<sup>s</sup>	<sup>s</sup>	<sup>°</sup>	<sup>'</sup>	<sup>"</sup>		
93	15	1	44.04	+1.85	168	44	56.4	+17.9	Argent. Gen. Cat. 20477; Stone, 8214.
94	15	24	0.57	+2.41	169	37	33.5	+17.7	Gilliss' Cat. 1850, 10985.
95	15	41	10.48	+2.85	171	8	29.3	+17.1	Gilliss' Cat. 1850, 11203.
96	16	47	10.75	+5.31	173	1	29.9	+15.5	Gilliss' Cat. 1850, 12063.
97	18	13	5.03	+9.06	174	17	23.5	+12.2	Gilliss' Cat. 1850, 13100.
98	23	26	11.59	+6.92	169	29	55.2	-5.3	Gilliss' Cat. 1850, 16397.
99	23	23	18.03	+6.73	169	8	3.1	-5.2	Gilliss' Cat. 1850, 16376.
100	0	9	15.18	+5.28	165	28	49.2	-6.7	Argent. Gen. Cat. 139; Stone, 68.
101	0	3	38.30	+5.17	164	48	21.1	-6.6	Argent. Gen. Cat. 45; Stone, 22.
102	0	12	58.47	+5.01	164	14	37.8	-6.8	Gilliss' Cat. 1850, 104.
103	0	18	1.87	+4.88	163	35	46.4	-6.9	Gilliss' Cat. 1850, 164.
104	0	31	29.30	+4.61	162	5	49.8	-7.2	Argent. Gen. Cat. 534.
105	1	10	7.37	+3.74	151	32	55.6	-7.7	Argent. Gen. Cat. 1170; Stone, 480; suspected double.
106	1	18	17.63	+1.35	149	39	13.0	+11.2	Argent. Gen. Cat. 1312; Stone, 534.
107	1	16	7	+1.29	148	56		+11.2	Equatorial. 9½ mag.
108	1	15	49	+1.29	148	49		+11.1	Equatorial. 9½ mag.
109	1	22	29	+1.31	148	8		+11.0	Equatorial. 9½ mag.
110	1	24	8	+1.32	148	18		+11.1	Equatorial. 9½ mag.
111	1	30	25.64	+1.33	147	31	8.2	+11.0	Argent. Gen. Cat. 1536; Stone, 627.
112	1	27	32.05	+1.24	146	29	16.1	+10.9	Argent. Gen. Cat. 1479.
113	1	31	47.55	+1.24	145	45	37.8	+10.8	Argent. Gen. Cat. 1559; Stone, 637.
114	1	35	58.85	+1.28	145	39	43.3	+10.8	Argent. Gen. Cat. 1635; Stone, 669.
115	1	38	35.34	+1.23	144	14	49.6	+10.6	Argent. Gen. Cat. 1681; Stone, 683.
116	1	33	55	+1.12	142	21		+10.3	Equatorial. 8¾ mag.
117	1	43	21.24	+1.18	142	18	20.3	+10.4	Argent. Gen. Cat. 1759; Stone, 711.
118	1	30	27.70	+1.07	141	38	14.7	+10.2	Argent. Gen. Cat. 1534.
119	1	39	46.66	+1.11	141	8	57.1	+10.2	Argent. Gen. Cat. 1696; Stone, 686.
120	1	42	8.30	+1.12	141	19	16.3	+10.2	Argent. Gen. Cat. 1733; Stone, 702.

Comp. Star.	Mean R.A.			Red. to App. R.A.	Mean N.P.D.			Red. to App. N.P.D.	Authorities.
	h	m	s	s	°	'	"	"	
121	1	37	39.43	+1.07	140	32	53.5	+10.1	Argent. Gen. Cat. 1665 ; Stone, 677.
122	1	42	47.67	+1.10	140	35	32.0	+10.1	Argent. Gen. Cat. 1746.
123	1	46	59.49	+1.13	140	42	22.2	+10.2	Argent. Gen. Cat. 1816 ; Stone, 738.
124	1	40	45	+1.07	140	0		+10.0	Equatorial. 9 mag.= Cape Phot. Durch. -50°.239.
125	2	1	34	+0.93	131	39		+8.7	Equatorial. 8½ mag.= Cape Phot. Durch. -41°.192.
126	1	58	55.17	+0.88	130	35	47.2	+8.3	Argent. Gen. Cat. 2046.
127	1	59	6.29	+0.88	130	36	37.5	+8.3	Argent. Gen. Cat. 2053.
128	2	2	1.85	+0.88	130	1	13.8	+8.3	Argent. Gen. Cat. 2110 ; Stone, 835.
129	2	15	16.63	+0.94	129	26	29.7	+8.5	Argent. Gen. Cat. 2377 ; Stone, 926.
130	2	16	33.02	+0.95	129	29	42.9	+8.5	Argent. Gen. Cat. 2406.
131	2	19	55.46	+0.92	127	47	19.4	+8.2	Argent. Gen. Cat. 2485.
132	2	20	16.61	+0.92	127	49	2.7	+8.2	Argent. Gen. Cat. 2489 ; Stone, 959.
133	2	20	45.63	+0.88	126	20	24.2	+7.8	Argent. Gen. Cat. 2506.
134	2	16	13.74	+0.85	125	34	28.2	+7.5	Argent. Gen. Cat. 2399.
135	2	23	45.21	+0.84	124	15	49.5	+7.3	Argent. Gen. Cat. 2565 ; Stone, 981 ; Radcliffe, 1890, 577.
136	2	25	57.75	+0.84	123	33	26.3	+7.2	Argent. Gen. Cat. 2617 ; Stone, 999.
137	2	27	53.28	+0.84	123	3	8.7	+7.1	Yarnall, 1165 ; Argent. Gen. Cat. 2657.

Observatory : Peninsula, Windsor,  
New South Wales, 1899 Feb. 27.

*Observation of Tuttle's Comet (b 1899) made with the 30-inch  
Reflector of the Thompson Equatorial at the Royal Observatory,  
Greenwich.*

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On March 14 a photograph of *Tuttle's* Periodical Comet was obtained with the 30-inch reflector, with exposures of 10<sup>m</sup> and 6<sup>m</sup>. The positions of the comet and of eight comparison stars, as shown by the 10<sup>m</sup> exposure, were measured, and the following place of the comet was obtained :—

Date.	G.M.T.				Apparent R.A.			Apparent Decl.			Log Δ.	Corr. for Parallax	
	d	h	m	s	h	m	s	°	'	"		s	"
Mar. 14	7	37	17		1	50	19.23	+29	31	41.4	0.2480	+0.24	+3.1